

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK BEGINNING: 30th January 2022

Sat. 29th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	Michael & Catherine Walker
Sun. 30th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Frank Amis
Sun. 30th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Benjamin James Willshire
Mon. 31st	***NO MASS***	
Tues. 1st Feb (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Pat Harvey
Wed. 2nd (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Fr. Richard Harriott
Thurs. 3rd (St. Aidan's)	10.00am	Jim & Joan Byrne
Fri. 4th (St. Mary's)	10.00am	Micheal Byrne
Sat. 5th (St. Mary's)	5.30pm	John Kennedy
Sun. 5th (St. Aidan's)	9.15am	Leslie Teasdale
Sun. 6th (St. Mary's)	11.00am	Robert Macauley

We ask that ALL except for those with genuine medical exemptions, wear a suitable face covering while in our Churches.

You must also sanitise your hands as you enter the buildings & not gather inside our Churches before or after Mass. Thank you.

Please pray for all those who are sick:

Sylvia Keilty, Dorothy Noble.

And those whose anniversary occurs about this time:

Elizabeth Carr, Thomas Green, John Bradley, Gerard Walker, Margaret Battenby, Janet Ruddick, Sadie Savage, Joseph Steinson, Michael Kilday, Leslie Railton, Raymond Brennan, Irene Milburn, Isabella McDougal, James Donnelly, James Watts, Pat Hurst, Arthur Callaghan, Doris Railton, George Gardiner, Thomas Hornsby, Jack Parkinson, James Wade, Kathleen Morgan, James Higgins, Ernest Smith, Thomas Wilkinson, Catherine Reilly, John Wright, William Johnson, John O'Brien, Stephen Slade, Margaret Carruthers.

KEEP IN TOUCH

Contact Fr Hall directly via 0191 268 4222 or seanehall1@gmail.com

Access live mass streaming via our Facebook page NE12Catholic.

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Welcome to our Parish Newsletter for:

St. Mary's R.C. Church and St. Aidan's R.C Church

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Sunday 30th January 2022

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

After listening to today's Gospel, The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth (Luke 4:21-30), consider Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

The reaction of the villagers of Nazareth to Jesus' proclamation of good news for the poor, the handicapped and disadvantaged is predictable. We have all suffered from failure of our own people to recognise our talents!

In this case it is also fuelled by a paradoxical jealousy: in the moment of rejecting Jesus' message the villagers also want to reap the advantage of his miraculous healings. The rejection of Jesus by his own people provokes Luke to develop Jesus' teaching beyond that given by Mark or Matthew in their gospels: in Luke Jesus quotes instances which show God's care for those outside his traditional 'chosen people'.

God's love is universal, not limited by ethnic or any other boundaries. The Chosen People were chosen not so that they would selfishly emphasise how special they were to God, but so that salvation might be brought to the whole world.

In the same way, in Christ's New Dispensation, his people (the Church) are chosen not just to enjoy God's benefits and love for themselves, but to be the instruments of his love for all. This is the same message as that of Paul in today's second reading: true love has no limits.

Luke is especially aware that Jesus sends his message beyond the limits of the Chosen People. Each of us has been chosen not for our own advantage but as an instrument to bring Christ to others.

What does it mean to be one of God's 'chosen' people?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

NEWS FROM OUR CHURCHES:

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION GROUP

Thursday 3rd February, 7pm in St Aidan's Church Hall - all are welcome.
Those wishing to join us via zoom, please see the link on
www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

ST MARY'S MEMORIAL BOOK

If you wish a deceased loved one's name to be included in our Parish Memorial Book when they will be remembered during Mass on the anniversary of their death, please complete a form noting their name, day & month of death (we do not require the year).
These forms can be found on the table in the hall, they take only a minute to complete and can be left in the box provided.

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

Pope Francis is inviting the whole Church to become Synodal.
We are encouraged to journey together, listening to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the lives of the people we meet.
Fr Hall has recorded a short video reflecting on the story of Peter and Cornelius from the 10th Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles to guide our preparations for the Synod. It is available on www.stmarysforesthall.co.uk

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Our parishes are taking part in the local service at St John's Church in Killingworth Village on Friday, 4th March at 10:30am with refreshments available afterwards. Two volunteers, man, woman or child are needed to read a short part of the service, with other parts read by representatives of other local churches.
Please put your name forward to Fr Hall on or before Sunday 13th Feb.

JUSTICE & PEACE REFUGEE PROJECT

Please help the ongoing appeal where you can. Tinned food (no pork please), shoes, boots and winter coats are all desperately needed for those who have nothing. Donations can be left at both churches. Thank you.

COLLECTIONS: W/C 23rd January 2022

St. Aidan's - Loose Plate: £63.00 // Envelopes: £107.00
St. Mary's - Loose Plate: £83.00 // Envelopes: £112.00
Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

FROM THE DIOCESE

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY - ONLINE

Holocaust Memorial Day is held annually on the 27th January, the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau complex of camps in 1945. Over 1 million Jewish men, women and children lost their lives in these camps. In total, over 6 million were murdered during the Nazi persecution. We acknowledge the other 'genocides' that have taken place during the 20th century.
A video featuring guest speaker Mrs Hanneke Dye is available on the diocese website www.rcdhn.org.uk

VACANCIES

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle has the following vacancies:
i) Health and Safety Officer to co-ordinate and manage all aspects of health and safety across the Diocese.
ii) Senior Administrator to manage & provide high quality administration support for the Department for Education.
Both positions are full-time and permanent.
For further information and details of how to apply please visit www.diocesehn.org.uk or contact us on 0191 243 3301

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A PRIEST?

The Diocesan Vocations Team have organised an overnight retreat for men aged 18+ to discern whether God is calling them to the Priesthood.
DATE: Friday 25th Feb 5.00pm to Saturday 26th Feb (after lunch)
VENUE: Minsteracres Retreat Centre, Consett, DH8 9RT
COST: £50 (including meals & accommodation). Spaces are limited.
Contact Fr Shaun Purdy for details via 01670 812 200 or email vocationspromoter@diocesehn.org.uk before Thurs 10th February.